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**City of Lake Jackson
Brazos River Flood Update
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Again, apologies for the sporadic updates. We are handling a variety of serious problems around our city.

First and foremost, we are experiencing an unprecedented flood event. Not just here, but in our entire area. We are seeing water where we have never seen it before. There is water in neighborhoods affecting some 1500 homes, particularly along our northern boundary. Water has gotten into some homes, primarily in Jackson Oaks II. We are also concerned about some homes in northeast Lake Jackson possibly having water in them.

What we are fighting is the Brazos River. We should not be fighting each other. We have at least another week of water leaving the Brazos River and working itself through our city.

The Brazos River at Rosharon was at 52.16 feet at 10 a.m. this morning. It is not forecast to drop below flood stage for another week. Oyster Creek is at 18.15 feet at FM2004 (Dow pump station). This is good news. We should hover around this level for the foreseeable future. The Bastrop Bayou is hovering around 19.8 feet at SH288 and 15.25 feet at Old Angleton Road. It is still trying to put a lot of water into our city.

High water remains in Jackson Oaks II, Northwood and a significant portion of northeast Lake Jackson. The difference is that at Jackson Oaks II the river overflow continues from the prison farm and Buffalo Camp. There is significant flow entering the lake from the Buffalo Camp area. A preliminary pumping plan is in place taking Jackson Oaks II water into Jackson Oak Estates subdivision water drainage system and then pumping into Oyster Creek. There are plans to bolster this effect. We are also adding pumping at Timbercreek and Lake Road to pump water into Oyster Creek. This is crucial to the flows coming from Buffalo Camp, prison farms and Jackson Oaks flowing through Lake Jackson and into Oyster Creek.

Northwood still has very high water and will for quite some time.

Northeast Lake Jackson has seen some minor improvement, but it too will stay about where it is until the Bastrop Bayou levels fall.

This is an entirely stressful time for all, but especially for those who already have water in their homes and those where the water is very close.

Again, a giant thanks to all our volunteers. We are also so grateful for the help from the various agencies and cities.

We still have a long way to go.